

TWO BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK IN NORTH SEA FIGHT

RAIDING GERMAN WARSHIPS ATTACK CONVOY; AT LEAST 7 MERCHANTMEN GO DOWN

Norwegian and Swedish Craft Are Victims. Berlin Claims Destruction of Eleven Ships—Battle Fought Off Shetland Islands

English Fight Desperately to Permit Escape of Boats Under Their Protection, but Fail—Neutrals Destroyed Without Regard to Lives of Crews

BERLIN (via London), Oct. 20.—Eleven merchantmen and the British destroyers 929 and 931 were destroyed by light German sea forces in an attack on a convoy off the coast of Norway Wednesday, it was officially announced today.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Two British destroyers and five Norwegian and three Swedish merchantmen were sunk by two German raiders in the North Sea Wednesday between the Shetland Islands and the coast of Norway, the Admiralty announced today.

The merchantmen were sent to the bottom after the two British fighting ships had been disposed of, the statement said.

The neutral merchantmen which were sunk were not armed. They were destroyed by the Germans before any examination of their cargoes had been made and without regard to the lives of their crews and their passengers.

Anxious to escape before other British forces interfered, the raiders made off without making any effort to rescue the men of the British destroyers and the crews of the other ships.

British patrols, arriving on the scene after the Germans had escaped, picked up thirty Norwegians and several others.

The destroyers which were sunk were the Mary Rose and the Strongbow. During the battle between these warships and the two raiders three merchantmen escaped, the Admiralty said.

The raiders were described by the Admiralty as being "very fast and heavily armed."

Neither the destroyers Mary Rose nor Strongbow are listed in the latest naval annual and are, therefore, presumably vessels finished since the war began.

The Shetland Islands lie to the extreme north of the North Sea.

The character of the German vessels seems to be in some doubt. The Berlin announcement speaks of them as light forces, while the British statement calls them "fast, heavily armed raiders."

If they are raiders, in the sense of commerce destroyers, they have had time to escape into the Atlantic, where they may prove a source of great peril to the transatlantic trade unless promptly hunted down by superior British or American warships.

WELSH KING RUNS FIRST IN LAUREL SECOND RACE With Barrett Up Captures the Royal Blue Steeplechase Handicap for Three-Year-Olds

LAUREL, Md., Oct. 20.—Welsh King won the second race in easy fashion this afternoon. It was the Royal Blue Steeplechase handicap over two miles and the winner with Barrett up had no great trouble in beating the field.

FIRST RACE, 5 furlongs. \$3.00 \$4.10 \$2.30. Winner, 102, Troop, \$3.00. Second, 104, Barrett, \$4.10. Third, 106, Mollie, \$2.30.

SECOND RACE, Royal Blue Steeplechase Handicap, three-year-olds and up, 2 miles. \$4.00 \$5.00 \$3.00. Winner, 102, Troop, \$4.00. Second, 104, Barrett, \$5.00. Third, 106, Mollie, \$3.00.

THIRD RACE, Liberty Bond Handicap, two-year-olds, 6 furlongs. \$3.30 \$4.10 \$2.40. Winner, 102, Troop, \$3.30. Second, 104, Barrett, \$4.10. Third, 106, Mollie, \$2.40.

FOURTH RACE, Royal Blue Steeplechase Handicap, three-year-olds and up, 2 miles. \$4.00 \$5.00 \$3.00. Winner, 102, Troop, \$4.00. Second, 104, Barrett, \$5.00. Third, 106, Mollie, \$3.00.

PRESIDENT WILSON PROCLAIMS DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTORY

PROCLAMATION—Whereas, The Congress of the United States, by a concurrent resolution adopted on the fourth day of the present month of October, in view of the entrance of our nation into the vast and awful war which now afflicts the greater part of the world, has requested me to set apart by official proclamation a day on which our people should be called upon to offer concerted prayer to Almighty God for His divine aid in the success of our arms;

And, whereas, It behooves a great free people, nurtured as we have been in the eternal principles of justice and of right, a nation which has sought from the earliest days of its existence to be obedient to the divine teachings which have inspired in the exercise of its liberties to turn always to the Supreme Master and cast themselves in faith at His feet, praying for His aid and success in every hour of trial, to the end that the great aims to which our fathers dedicated our power as a people may not perish among men, but be always asserted and defended with fresh ardor and devotion and, through the divine blessings, set at last upon enduring foundation for the benefit of all the free peoples of the earth;

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, gladly responding to the wish expressed by the Congress, do appoint October 28, being the last Sunday of the present month, as a day of supplication and prayer for all the people of the nation, earnestly exhorting all my countrymen to observe the appointed day according to their several faiths in solemn prayer that God's blessing may rest upon the high task which is laid upon us, to the end that the cause for which we give our lives and treasure may triumph and our efforts be blessed with high achievement.

The suggestion that all America join in a solemn day of prayer was first made by the EVENING LEADER shortly after the United States declared war on Germany. Prominent clergymen of Philadelphia unanimously endorsed the suggestion. Several of the ministerial associations acted promptly in endorsing the LEADER'S idea by adopting resolutions urging President Wilson to act upon this newspaper's proposal. Then Congress adopted a resolution requesting the President to set aside by official proclamation a day of prayer for the success of American arms. The proclamation above, made today by the President, is the result.

U. S. WAR SPIRIT IS AROUSED BY ANTILLES LOSS

People Stirred by Torpedoed Transport, on Which Seventy Perished

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The American schooner Jessie E. Brighter was sunk by a submarine Tuesday in the Mediterranean, the Admiralty announced today.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Every effort was being made by the War and Navy Departments today to secure a complete list of the casualties resulting from the torpedoing and sinking of the transport Antilles on October 17.

The loss of life numbered seventy, including sixteen United States soldiers, four enlisted men of the United States Navy, three engineer officers of the ship and forty-seven of the ship's crew.

Where the Antilles was attacked has not been revealed.

The survivors of the Antilles are being brought to this country by the warship convoy that was with the transport when the U-boat attack was made. It was at first thought that the survivors would be taken to England or France, but at the Navy Department it was learned today that they would be brought directly to the United States and that the details of the disaster will not be learned.

The impressive fact outstanding in the disaster is that the transport, although somewhat bound, was under convoy and that the escorting destroyers failed either to see the submarine or the torpedo. This indicates more than anything else the effectiveness of the German submarines that are operating against the American vessels.

NATION'S EYES OPENED Officials were gratified by the way the nation received the news of the disaster. Although the number of lives lost was comparatively small—the Antilles was torpedoed on her homeward trip—it was large enough to bring home to the nation the stern reality of the war.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—An artillery battle of all nations' in France today over a thirty-mile front in Belgium.

British, French, Belgian Portuguese and German guns are in action. Again has the cannonade on the west Flanders front risen to such a tenor of "typhoon fire" that it can be heard in England.

The statement issued by the War Office at noon said that German artillery was in full blast all night against British positions north of Lens and between the Tower Hamlets and the Ypres-Roulers Railway in Belgium.

"Northeast of Ypres," the statement added, "there was considerable artillery firing mutually."

The big-gun duel which was formerly confined to the area northeast and southeast of Ypres now extends almost to Neuport. The firing is especially severe around Ranscapelle, in the inundated district where the Belgian lines start.

Ranscapelle is south of Neuport and only three miles from the North Sea coast. It is generally predicted by British military experts that another infantry drive by Field Marshal Haig's army is about due.

Strong German patrol forces were thrown back in spirited fighting in which the enemy suffered heavy losses, around Menjan Farm (Aisne sector), today's official statement asserted. The infantry fighting came after violent artillery fire.

LATEST SPORTS

FOOTBALL SCORES

PENN. 7 0 0 13-20. BUCKNELE 0 0 0 6-6. CORNELL 0 0 0. COLGATE 6 13 0. SWARTHME 0 7 3 7-17. GETTYSBURG 0 0 0 0-0. PITTSBURGH 7 7 7. SYRACUSE 0 0 0.

LAFAYETTE 0 7 0. RUTGERS 7 6 6. LEHIGH 0 0. GEORGETOWN 7 14. NAVY 21 20. CARLEISLE 0 0. ARMY 7 6. FUFTS 0 0. CARNEGIE. OHIO WES. 0. F. AND M. 0 0. MULLENB'G 7 0. STATE 0. W. AND J. 0. CHICAGO 0. PURDUE 0.

SCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL SCORES. PENN. FRSH 0 0 0 0. MERCERS'G 0 3 0 0 3. F. M. C. 0 0. ST. JOHN'S 0 0. FRIENDS C. BORDENTN. NORTHST. WILLIAM'N.

DECIDING GAME OF DELAWARE CO. LEAGUE SERIES. CHESTER 0 2 1. UPLAND 0 3 0. Bender and Mark; Turo and Haftner.

ADDITIONAL RACING RESULTS. Second Latonia race, 6 furlongs—First Ballot, 98, Gruber, \$35.30, \$313, \$87.80, won; Stephen R., 106, Williams, \$5.00, \$4.10, second; David Craig, 99, Donahue, 7.10, third. Time, 1:14 2-5.

RUSSIAN GIVE UP MOON ISLAND. PETROGRAD, Oct. 20.—Russian forces are evacuating Moon Island.

ASK U. S. TO CONFISCATE GERMAN DYE PATENTS. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 20.—The National Association of Cotton Manufacturers in annual convention here today passed a resolution calling upon the United States Government to confiscate German dyestuff patents.

HOOVER CUTS SUGAR SALES FOR LUXURIES. "WE CONSIDER it essential to reduce consistently sales of sugar for production of candy. Must be reduced in order to provide household and allied needs."

Growing Shortage and Soaring Prices Bring Order From Government. HOOPER'S TELEGRAM Cutting Sales of Sugar.

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FRENCH GUNS SHOOT DOWN 3 ZEPPELINS

Big Aerial Cruisers Downed by Anti-Aircraft Guns

MORE MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

27 Killed, 53 Injured in Raid Over East of England

LONDON BOMBED AGAIN

Paris, Oct. 20.—French defenders today destroyed three Zeppelins of a raiding fleet which flew over French territory to the east.

One of the aerial cruisers was brought down at 7 a. m. by anti-aircraft fire near Saint Clement, in the Department of Meurthe and Moselle. Another came down in flames in the region of Rambervillers. At least one other fell victim to the French defensive fire.

The official announcement did not give details. One report in Paris today was that more than three of the invading squadron had been destroyed.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Twenty-seven persons were killed and three injured in last night's air raid over eastern and northeastern counties and part of the London district, Lord French announced today.

The material damage done by the raiders, it was officially stated, was confined to houses and business premises.

Swift German biplanes convoyed the Zeppelins that made the attack. There were between Meurthe and Moselle, in the bordering province to Belgium. The battle lines runs through it and its principal city is Nancy, where recently there have been numerous German airplane raids.

Hambervillers, mentioned above, is in the Vosges, sixteen miles northeast of Epinal. St. Clement is a village in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, which is the bordering province to Belgium. The battle lines runs through it and its principal city is Nancy, where recently there have been numerous German airplane raids.

The last previous raid on England was on the night of October 1, concluding a week of record airship activity on the part of the Germans, during which six moonlight attacks were made on Britain, in most of which the Germans reached London.

Hunter's Moon is due in London next Tuesday and meteorological observations have been taken against a repetition of the intensive operations of three weeks ago. The Germans, however, have not only attacked earlier than expected, but also attacked from September 24 to October 1, with the exception of a small auxiliary demonstration on the northeastern coast, were by airplane.

As Zeppelins have not been used by the Germans for any extensive operation in many months, the British have been concentrating on preparations to meet airplane raids.

LIEUTENANT HERKNES THROWN AT ROSE TREE

Red Cross Ambulance Gives Quick First Aid at Hunt Club Races

Lieutenant Herkness, U. S. A., riding Ornamental Tommy, was thrown in the third race of the Rose Tree Hunt Club while in the home stretch of the steeplechase for the Middletown Barrens plate. The lieutenant was badly cut and bruised and the Red Cross ambulance was "on the job" immediately.

This race, which was full of thrills, was won by Charles Leedom's Gigantol in 7.63. Lieutenant Toland's Camball, ridden by Jockey E. M. Cheston, was second.

By a Staff Correspondent. MEDIA, Pa., Oct. 20.—There was a decided lack of autumn in the air here today which infused the proper spirit in staid and riders entered in the first of the three-day meet of the Rose Tree Hunt Club.

Nature rose to its best and gave an environment which fitted the occasion from every artistic standpoint.

An eighteen-karat golden sunshine framed the stands and fields, making ideal harmony with the varicolored raiment which dotted the picture.

FIRST TOUCHDOWN SCORED BY LIGHT

Penn Halfback Circles Bucknell End in Opening Period for Six-Pointer

BERRY KICKS THE GOAL

FRANKLIN FIELD, Oct. 20.—Penn got off to a flying start against Bucknell in the football clash on Franklin Field this afternoon. For a few minutes the Lewisburg collegians showed a flashy attack, but it finally was stopped, and Penn began a steady march down the chalk-marked gridiron, and the Red and Blue advance stopped only when Hobey Light carried the pigskin over the goal line for a touchdown.

Howard Berry's educated toe was brought into play again when he kicked out and then booted the ball over the cross bar and between the uprights for the extra point.

Light's touchdown came in the early minutes of the first period, but Penn was unable to score thereafter, and the first half ended with the score reading 7 to 0 in favor of Penn.

The Penn score seemed to inspire Coach Johnson's side with a lot of fight, and it was not until the last part of the second period that Penn had another chance at a touchdown. Berry threw a long forward pass, which grounded in a man between four Bucknell players and Captain Miller. Miller claimed interference, and Referee Thompson upheld his plea.

Berry was given the ball on Bucknell's 25-yard line, but after one play the half ended.

A crowd of 10,000 persons was seated in the stands.

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HOSPITAL THIEVES CAPTURED BY RUSE

Policeman Catches Pair Coming Out of Room, Carrying Loot

KNOWN AS "DOPE FIENDS"

Two alleged "dope fiends," accused of looting St. Mary's Hospital of narcotic drugs, walked into a trap early today and were captured by the police. The arrests followed numerous thefts during the last six weeks.

The stage was carefully set for the pair, who are believed responsible for the disappearance of about \$150 worth of drugs and surgical supplies. They were allowed to enter the free dispensary and were caught red-handed, according to the police, who say drugs were found in their possession.

The prisoners, giving their names as Frank Miller, 6018 Norwood street, and John T. Mallon, 816 Hilton street, were taken to the East Girard avenue police station, where Magistrate Costello held each in \$500 bail for court.

The capture was made by Special Policeman Rafter, who was assigned to the case yesterday after complaint of robbery had been made to the police by the hospital authorities. Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning Rafter's waiting was rewarded by seeing two men, known as drug addicts, walk into the dispensary through the door where accident cases are admitted. They were not molested.

A few moments later the policeman maneuvered into the room, meeting the men coming out of the surgical clinic. He arrested them without a struggle. The men had rifled a medical chest in the surgical clinic, according to the police, taking several ounces of cocaine and several hypodermic syringes.

Much satisfaction was expressed over the capture by the hospital authorities, who said that they had experienced annoying losses of drugs and supplies for six weeks. In addition to six ounces of cocaine which seemed to be the chief loot sought by the mysterious thieves, three surgical knives, eleven hypodermics, five hypodermic syringes and needles, two cotton retainers, razors and fountain pens were among the articles stolen. The men arrested had been seen before in the dispensary and this morning's visit was said to have been the fifth time they were observed in the hospital.

Soapmakers' Strike Settled. WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—A strike of 1000 soapmakers of the Kansas City plant of the Proctor & Gamble Company was settled today by the granting of a wage increase and by recognition of the union, a telegram to the Department of Labor announced. The men will resume work at once.

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Sunday; slightly colder to night; moderate northerly winds, becoming light Sunday.

For eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey: Fair and somewhat colder to night; Sunday fair and continued cold; diminishing northerly winds.

LENGTH OF DAY Sun rises 6:15 a.m. Sets 5:14 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES CHESTNUT STREET High water 4:50 a.m. Low water 12:51 a.m. High water 11:29 a.m. Low water 12:51 a.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

Table with 24 columns representing hours of the day and 2 rows of temperature data.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE STORY "GERMANY, THE NEXT REPUBLIC?"

by Carl W. Ackerman is printed on Page 21

Search for Alleged Murderer. READING, Pa., Oct. 20.—The Norrisville police have asked authorities here to start a hunt in the near quarter for James Ezel, thirty-five years old, who is charged with killing Branch Longmyer in Norristown last Saturday.

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